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CESSATION OF COMPULSORY RECRUITING FOR MILITARY
LABOUR BUREAU

Last previous Paper.
see 42404
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The copy circular issued to Provincial Commrs stating work done reflects highest credit on all concerned.

Ans. 793 18 Oct 17
Copy of report to W.O. (4001)

W. Reed
additional proof that our British
pts have played their part to the full.
The W.O. will be interested to have a
copy of the Circular (127) with reference
to our letter of the 25th of August on
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W. Fiddes
We might well say that the S. f. s.
cordially agrees in the view expressed in
the last para. of the O.A. f. s. despatch: -
+ send copy of the answer to W.O. for info
+ an o.c. to make this known - H. V. R.
H. Long
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Next subsequent Paper.

August 13th, 1917.

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Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith for your information a copy of a circular which I have caused to be issued to Provincial Commissioners in connection with the cessation of compulsory recruiting for the Military Labour Bureau.

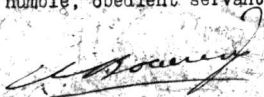
Circular

2. As I have stated in the Circular I consider that the work done reflects the highest credit on all the officers concerned.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,



ACTING GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

WALTER LONG, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

The Secretariat,

Nairobi,

8th August, 1917.

S. 9373.

Circular No. 55]

1. I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that the question of the further supply of British East African natives for the Military Labour Department has recently been under serious discussion with the Military Commission and the Labour

2. As a result His Excellency felt it necessary to inform the General Officer Commanding that he considered it desirable to instruct District Commissioners to notify their natives that there would be no more compulsory recruiting for the Military Labour Department.

3. In the course of a letter from the Military Commission to the Labour to the Deputy Adjutant and Quartermasters-General, Colonel Ainsworth stated—

"I am absolutely satisfied that the British East African officials have done their best to put up all available men, and that there has been and still exists a solid desire to meet requirements, but we have undoubtedly come to an end of our resources in this connection."

The D.A. & Q.M.G. has now reported that the General Officer Commanding entirely agrees and cordially endorses the remarks above quoted.

4. I am therefore to request you to instruct your District Commissioners to make it known throughout the reserves and other natives areas within their jurisdiction that there will be no more compulsory recruiting for the Military Labour Department.

5. You will inform them at the same time that the Acting Governor very fully appreciates the excellent work performed by the staff generally in connection with the enrolment of labourers. He is aware that the introduction of a system of compulsory recruitment, which had unfortunately become necessary through the exigencies of the war, must have been most distasteful to them, being entirely opposed to the Government policy with regard to labour. The success which has attended their recruiting efforts is, in His Excellency's opinion, a proof of the excellent control and organization of the officers concerned and the fact that there has been no break-down in providing men, and no serious results from the unusual steps which were necessarily adopted to further that object, is a matter for congratulation to the whole of the administrative staff.

6. In announcing to the natives that Military Labour recruiting will now cease District Commissioners should convey to the Chiefs and Headmen, and all responsible for the work, an expression of His Excellency's great appreciation of their efforts and of the success with which those efforts have been crowned.

7. I am to inform you that a copy of this Circular is being forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

W. J. MONSON,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To

The Provincial Commissioner.

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- Mr. Brantley, 16 Oct
- Mr. Balfour, 16, 10, 17
- Mr.
- Mr. Grindle,
- Mr. Lambert,
- Mr. Rood,
- Sir G. Fiddes,
- Sir A. Steel Matland,
- Mr. Long,

18 October 1917

Sir

I have the honour to ack
 the rec of your dep. No. 470
 of the 13th of August enclosing
 a copy of a circular issued to
 Provincial Commissioners in
 connection with the cessation of
 compulsory recruiting for the
 Military Reserve Bureau. ~~It~~
~~inform you that~~ I cordially
 concur in the view expressed in
 the last paragraph of your dep.
 & I shall be pleased that you
 can appreciate the fact known
 generally to the officers concerned

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The Sec
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19 October 1900

Sir,

With ref to the letter from
Dept of the 25th of Aug last,
a letter to you, for the info
Army Council, a copy of
the vol. of the vol. regarding
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for the military halcyon Bureau
the Protectorate

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